

President Invites East to Join West In 'Walk Together Toward Peace'

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President Johnson renewed his plea to the Communist world for international cooperation yesterday, inviting the East to join the West in "a walk together toward peace."

Mr. Johnson told a Catholic University graduation audience:

"On this Sunday morning, as you here bear witness with us, I would say to the people—and to the leaders—of the Communist countries, to the Soviet Union, to nations of Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia, we extend to you our invitation: Come, now, let us reason together."

He laid heavy stress on overseas misunderstanding of United States motives and said that "men in other lands . . . have created and embraced myths of their own creation—the myths of American isolationism and imperialism, the myths of American materialism and militarism."

Mr. Johnson's Chicago speech last Thursday had been widely interpreted as bypassing Soviet leadership in appealing for a better understanding between the American and Soviet people. He also limited his peace overture to Eastern Europe and ignored Communist China, thereby touching off speculation that he was seeking to enlarge the breach between Peking and Moscow.

Widens Appeal

But the President significantly widened his appeal yesterday to include Communists leaders as well as the Red nations of Southeast Asia.

Mr. Johnson, who received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, was interrupted by applause 10 times during his short address. He quoted Thomas Jefferson, Presidents John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt, George C. Marshall, Pope John XXIII, the prophet Isaiah and a popular verse from ancient Chaldea to build his theme of "an America morally aware, morally aroused."

"All through this century,

men in other lands—for reasons of their own—elected to discount moral duty as the motivation that moves America," Mr. Johnson said.

He then went on to attack what he called myths about United States' motivation.

Not Materialism

It was neither isolationism nor imperialism that sent Americans ashore at Normandy 21 years ago, he said.

It wasn't materialism, he continued, that led the United

States to share its dollars, dent laid on the word "in-crops and know-how with formed" recalled recent suggestions by him and adviser McGeorge Bundy that some domestic criticism of American foreign policy, particularly in Viet-Nam, is uninformed.

Nor was it militarism that prompted the country "to display her arms in good faith." His one reference to the when victory was won and of University's graduating class fer up the atom in good faith came when he criticized those for control by all nations, who think the younger generation is going to pot.

Quotes Ancient Verse

"All through history the doubt of men for the morality of their own generations has been exceeded only by their doubt for the morality of the next generation," the President said. "As long ago as ancient Chaldea—when history was just beginning—there was a popular verse, saying:

We are fallen upon evil times,
And the world has waxed
very old and wicked,
Politics are very corrupt,
The sons of men are not
so righteous
As their parents were.

"Whatever some may say," Mr. Johnson continued, "you of this class of '65 know that words such as these do not describe your America in these times. This is a new time in our land—a time young in spirit, a time of renewal, a time of resurgence for those forces which fashion a finer and fairer society."

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